

REMARKS

In the Office Action of July 5, 2007 the Examiner rejected claims 12-13 and 26-27 as being unpatentable over various prior art documents. The Examiner also reiterated an indication of the allowability of claims 2-11, 14, and 16-25. Applicant appreciates and accepts such an indication.

Applicant has herein cancelled, without prejudice, claims 12-13 and 26-27. Accordingly, Applicant believes the above-captioned matter is in condition for allowance.

With respect to the Examiner's remarks related to the reasons for allowance of claims 2-11, 14, and 16-25, Applicant believes that a separate Statement of Reasons for Allowance is unnecessary in the present case as the file history sufficiently sets forth the patentable distinctions of claims 2-11, 14, and 16-25. The patentability of claims 2-11, 14, and 16-25 lies in each claim as a whole. That is, a single particular element or feature of a claim does not define the claim's patentability, but rather, it is the combination of elements and the interconnection therebetween that define the invention. The claims cannot be considered to be limited in scope based on this brief statement by the Examiner. Applicant does not acquiesce to the accuracy of the Examiner's statements regarding the allowable subject matter nor the Examiner's partial paraphrasing of the claim elements.

Entry of these remarks is appreciated and Applicant cordially invites the Examiner to respond, should the Examiner disagree. As Applicant does not believe any

additional issues remain, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance and passage of the above-captioned matter to issuance.

Although no fees are believed payable with this submission, the Office is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 50-1170 for any fees which may be deemed necessary. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned, should any matters remain unresolved, which would prevent the passage of this matter to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirk L. Deheck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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